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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1. Polish Troop Training Camp at Arys and Polish Troops in Lyck

2. 1953 Spring Training of the Polish Army

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] the area of the former German troop training camp at Arys (R 54/A 66), which was used by the Polish Armed Forces, was extended by the Poles to the east and included the towns of Schuetzenau (R 54/A 66), Vaminsken (R 54/A 66) and Rostken (R 54/A 67). Billets of Polish troops were in the woods west of the village of Seetruessen (R 54/A 76). [REDACTED] except for these changes, the troop training grounds covered its previous area.

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2. In early 1952, all permanent billets on the southern perimeter of Arys and east of the railroad station, some of which had been damaged during the war, were reconditioned. The Arys-South camp, about 12 km southeast of the town, in the area of the former village of Schlage-Krug (R 54/A 75), on the east side of the road to Drygallen (R 54/A 74), which had been modernized after 1933, was also reconditioned and served as billets of Polish units rotated to the training grounds. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a hutment of wooden buildings with concrete foundations, was under construction in the woods west of Seetruessen in May 1952 and [REDACTED] the construction work on the hutment was completed. A number of military buildings originating from the time of the German regime that included some used as military magazines still were in Wiersbinnen (R 54/A 66). A fairly large number of motor vehicles parked in the village area in early 1952. [REDACTED] the installation was not large.

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3. Polish troops were entrained and detrained mainly at the large ramps directly south of the Arys railroad station, where [REDACTED] a brick side-ramp allowing the handling of one troop train at a time. The Skomatzko railroad station also had a permanent side-ramp constructed under the Germans which was in good condition and was used to handle military shipments, particularly supplies of building materials and shipments of engineer equipment for the training camp which latter came

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in in spring and went out in fall. The Lyck (R 54/A 86) - Arys - Nikolaiken (R 54/A 36) railroad line was a single-track line of European standard gauge. While the single-track line from Arys to Loetzen (R 55/A 59) was operated, the line from Arys to Johannsburg (R 54/A 54) had been dismantled and apparently was not scheduled to be reopened by May 1952.

4. After the evacuation of Soviet troops, gradually the Polish Armed Forces reconditioned the training camp. Some units were permanently stationed at the camp while others rotated to the camp from various posts between about March and fall. Troops from other posts usually arrived by train and also included units which came from the direction of Lyck. [redacted] unloading of tanks and the detraining of artillery units, whose guns were towed either by trucks, or prime movers or horses. ¹ 25X1
5. The engineer equipment unloaded at Skomatzko included boats of various sizes. [redacted] in the area of Seebruecken the Poles had constructed a dam with a surfaced roadway across the lake. 25X1
6. [redacted] Polish soldiers [redacted] wore red, and, at a limited rate, also blue cap bands. [redacted] no heavy traffic of army motor vehicles. In the spring of 1952, a barracks installation located outside the town, and constructed under the Germans was occupied to capacity by Polish soldiers, who wore khaki uniforms and red cap bands and [redacted] quartered far more troops at that time than in 1949. The units quartered there, apparently had no motor vehicles or heavy weapons. Prior to the spring of 1952, no Soviet soldiers were stationed at Lyck. ¹ 25X1
7. [redacted] members of six classes including Germans were drafted into the armed forces. ² [redacted] 25X1
8. Numerous tent camps with Polish soldiers were observed along the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63), Prest Litovsk (S 53/M 87) railroad line between late February and 15 March 1953. Polish railway officials said that the barracks installations had been vacated by the troops during the first days of March. ³ 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 13th Inf Div, whose headquarters is stationed at Lyck or Bialystok. Blue cap bands are worn by KBW (Internal Security). 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 1931 and 1932 classes were inducted in the fall of 1952. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Conforming with the Soviet Army training system, all units in Poland move to training grounds or summer camps between March and October. 25X1

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